

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE \_\_\_\_

Measure \_\_\_\_ gives Costa Mesa home rule.

The last time a charter, or local constitution, was on the ballot in Costa Mesa, labor unions from throughout the state spent over \$500,000 to get it defeated. Why? Because they didn't want to lose control over Costa Mesa.

This charter was written by 13 community members who met for a year to develop a blueprint for our city's future. The charter is only scary to the unions and those who want to keep them in power.

More than 130 California cities govern themselves through a charter, including our neighbors in Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and Irvine.

When Costa Mesa incorporated in 1953 public employee unions didn't exist. Since the mid-70s they have steadily taken over Sacramento causing a financial crisis that trickles down to cities.

Opponents of home rule like to cite Bell and San Bernardino as examples of why charters are bad. Public employee unions working with corrupt politicians drove those cities into bankruptcy, the charter wasn't the issue – flawed humans caused the problem.

Measure \_\_\_\_ gives us flexibility with the controls embedded in state law:

- To put more police on the street.
- To expand our parks system.
- To get control of our long-term pension debt.
- To provide flexibility in public contracting that saves taxpayers millions.

When you vote on Measure \_\_\_\_, ask yourself a simple question. Who do you trust to run Costa Mesa? Costa Mesans or Sacramento politicians?

Vote for home rule. Yes on Measure \_\_\_\_\_. Get the facts: [www.HomeRuleForCostaMesa.com](http://www.HomeRuleForCostaMesa.com)

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